

pāpala kēpau (Pisonia brunoniana)

NYCTAGINACEAE, four `o clock family

This species is native to Australia, and on New Zealand, Kermadec, Norfolk, and Lord Howe islands, and the Hawaiian Islands of O`ahu, Moloka`i, Lāna`i, Maui, and Hawai`i (Wagner et al. 1990). Hillebrand (1888) stated that the name of this species is "*papala*" (just as in Charpentiera). He also noted that the Maori name *parapara* (presumably for Pisonia species) is related to the Hawaiian name *pāpala*.

Summary statement of uses: The fruits of *pāpala kēpau* are used as a glue in trapping birds.

Hillebrand (1888) stated, "The fruiting perigone of all three species exudes a very viscid glue which the native woodmen make use of for catching birds. It will stick fast to paper in the herbarium for years..."

Status at Auwahi: Though common elsewhere, this species is uncommon at Auwahi, known from only a few individuals.